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Dear Chairman Martin:

The Georgia Public Service Commission ("GPSC") commends you and your colleagues on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service for your thoughtful effort in the development of the May 1, 2007, recommendation regarding short term and long term high-cost universal service reform.

The GPSC supports the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service with respect to its May 1, 2007, recommendation that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") institute an interim cap on high-cost universal service support for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers using 2007 levels of support. The GPSC shares the view that a reasonable balance must be struck between the growth of the Universal Service Fund ("USF") and the need to ensure that adequate network support is directed to serve high cost rural areas of our nation.

The Georgia Public Service Commission believes the interim step proposed by the Joint Board will provide the necessary discipline to stabilize USF high-cost support while the FCC moves forward to address the equally important recommendations for long term USF reform. The Joint Board has wisely recommended a temporary measure designed to sustain our national policy of universal service while ensuring the preservation of neutrality and fairness.

Therefore, the GPSC encourages the FCC to act expeditiously to adopt the interim cap recommended by the Joint Board while it moves forward with much needed comprehensive reform of the current universal service high-cost support system.

Sincerely,

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